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Advisory Board.

Last Monday evening there was a special meeting of the Advisory Board at Commons Hall. The matter brought up, was regarding the wearing of a blue H on a white sweater. The constitution at present allows only a buff H. The Board adopted unanimously a resolution allowing either a buff or a blue letter to be worn, and intentionally did not designate the color of the sweater on which the letter is to be placed. This will come up for action before the College at the next College meeting.

The Musical Clubs.

The Musical Clubs are working overtime nowadays in preparation for the Clinton concert on January 24. The trip will commence at Auburn on Thursday, February 1, and Elmira and Binghamton will be visited on the two following nights. The clubs are somewhat larger than last year and about thirty men will be taken on the trip. Some very catchy music has been secured by Leader Purdy, including a couple of clever songs not published. The clubs will be royally entertained along the route and a good time is expected. The trip will cost money but it is just what we have wanted for years and on its success depends largely the future policy of the Musical Clubs. Every effort made by the fellows themselves and the College at large to help along will be appreciated by the leader and manager.

Inter-class Basket-ball.

The schedule of games has been arranged as follows:

- Jan'y 15—Seniors vs. Freshmen.
25—Juniors vs. Sophomores.
Feb. 7—Seniors vs. Sophomores.
16—Sophomores vs. Freshmen.
21—Juniors vs. Freshmen.
Mar. 2—Seniors vs. Juniors.

Bequests to Hamilton.

Last week the College came into the possession of a bequest of eight thousand and five hundred dollars from the estate of Nicholas F. Vedder, of Utica. Mr. Vedder died in 1873 leaving his property to be used by his daughter during her lifetime, at the expiration of which bequests to certain charitable and educational institutions were to be paid. The daughter, Mrs. Dr. A. G. Brower, desired the bequests to be paid at the present time and the necessary papers were drawn last week.

By the will of the late Francis A. Palmer, of New York, this College is made a beneficiary; the amount being five thousand dollars. This will is, however, contested by the relatives and the case is now being tried before the Supreme Court of this State. Mr. Palmer had a large estate and the greater portion was left to educational institutions. It is hoped that the decision of the Court will be favorable to us and to them.

Life Board Election.

The LIFE Board held a meeting last Wednesday to elect a Sophomore representative in place of Goodier, ex-'08. Judson was elected, and is now wearing a bored look on account of the "set up" involved. No other business was transacted.

Junior "Prom."

The Junior "Prom" committee held a meeting last week and decided to hold the "Prom" Thursday night, February 15th. This date seemed advisable because there is no basket-ball game for several days after it. There will be ample time to get the floor back to condition to play on. Every effort will be made by the committee to give one of the best dances in the history of Junior week. The committee is composed of E. M. Clark, chairman, Baggs, Gilbert, Dudley, Brown, Meeker, Dunham and Schwartz.

Football Conference.

Delegates from fifty-eight different colleges and universities from all parts of the country met at the Murray Hill Hotel, New York, on Thursday, December 28, to consider football reform. The larger universities not represented were Yale, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Cornell, Chicago, Northwestern and Michigan.

A committee of seven was appointed and instructed to co-operate with the present rules committee, if possible, to make the rules uniform. A permanent organization was effected, with an executive committee of seven, including the three officers: President, Captain P. E. Pierce, West Point; vice-president, Prof. H. D. Wild, Williams; secretary, Prof. Louis Bevier, Rutgers.

Through the resolutions which were adopted after a thorough discussion of the question, the conference recommended that "the academic authorities of the colleges and universities of this country hold themselves as ultimately responsible for the conduct of athletics within their respective institutions."

The morale of the game was discussed and resolutions were adopted condemning professionalism, and inducements to athletes about to enter college, and brutality. Recommendation was made that "the colleges and universities assume the responsibility for the violation of the letter or spirit of the resolution by our respective football organizations."

Should the present rules committee refuse to unite with the conference committee it was recommended that the latter formulate rules under which football shall be played by the institutions ratifying the action of the conference. This committee of seven was instructed to formulate rules looking toward (a) an open game, (b) elimination of rough and brutal playing, (c) efficient enforcement of rules, (d) organization of a permanent body of officials.

On Friday, December 29, the old rules

committee met the newly appointed intercollegiate conference committee at Philadelphia and informally discussed football rule revision. The old committee stated that its members could not join with the conference committee without first consulting their several universities.

Basket-Ball.

The basket-ball management wish to acknowledge the following subscriptions from alumni and friends, towards the salary of Mr. Watson: C. B. Sherman \$10, Sherrill Sherman \$5, Wm. A. Hotchkiss \$10, Chas. A. Gardner \$10, S. G. Heacock \$20, C. L. Stone \$10, C. H. Duell \$10, Wm. M. Griffith \$10, F. P. Warfield \$10, J. S. Sherman \$10.

This leaves a considerable sum still to be raised, which with the balance from last season, will be the only source of revenue toward the actual running of the season.

Practice this week has been very encouraging. The squad has been large and the scrub has done very efficient work. Mr. Watson is developing a fast, hard playing, and accurate team. Our season ought to be highly successful. The training table is under way. At present, besides the coach, Capt. Sherman, Sicard, Bramley, LeMunyan, Wilson, and Swetman, are at the table. The first game comes next Wednesday night with St. Lawrence. Let every one turn out and show that the College is back of the team and is giving the best possible support to it.

Western Alumni Association.

The following clipping descriptive of the Western Alumni dinner, is an excerpt from the *Chicago Daily Journal*, the paper of M. J. Hutchins, '88.

"The twentieth annual dinner of the Western Alumni Association of Hamilton College at the Grand Pacific Hotel last evening was an occasion of unusual rejoicing. The reports showed that in a history of 100 years this famous classical college had never shown more gratifying material progress than it now enjoys.

"Elihu Root, of the class of 1864, has been a generous donor, and through his encouragement Andrew Carnegie has given a new building bearing his name.

"Meanwhile the requirements for admission have been increased. The policy of holding to the classical courses will be rigidly maintained. Alumni who

have become distinguished in almost every walk of life are unanimous in that respect. The wisdom of this policy is said to be shown in the substantial growth of the College under the vigorous administration of President M. Woolsey Stryker, formerly pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

"At the dinner the guest of honor was Dr. H. C. G. Brandt, of the College faculty.

"Franklin H. Head of the class of 1856 presided. Besides Dr. Brandt, the speakers were Thomas D. Catlin, of Ottawa, George W. Hinman, who was chosen president of the association for the coming year, Edward M. Hicock, Rev. L. C. Smith, of Ottawa, Myron H. Beach, Herman A. Speh, and Dr. Schuyler C. Brandt."

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

At 5 o'clock tomorrow in Silliman Hall a student meeting will be held. The subject is "A Forward Look." Let us make this a thorough term rally of all departments.

Several prospective plans are before the Association, first of which is the election of official delegates to the International Conference at Nashville, Tenn., beginning Feb. 28. This conference occurs only once in a student generation. We need just the vision that comes from such a gathering. Besides this the efficiency of the conferences depend upon the response of the colleges. The cabinet will name a few available men and two of these will be chosen by ballot at a regular meeting of the association.

The association department work has made some gains the past term. Ideals live by action and we are seeking in every available way to place our efforts along the line of practical service. Through the "Vicinity Work Committee" we have been of service to the County Y. M. C. A. work.

As we consider efforts along new lines we are faced with the need of funds, which are in our work, as elsewhere, the great instrument of growth. In the recent past we have depended entirely on our dues as a working budget. This determined the limits of our efficiency in our own work and put a veto on all effort to help practical movements of service. In the matter of giving we are much behind most other colleges. Last year Amherst, with a little over 400 students, gave over \$600 to missions, while Williams gave \$565. Both of these

amounts include gifts of alumni of the respective institutions. We are going to set on foot a movement to get alumni gifts, and in conjunction with this, get college subscriptions, either direct subscriptions or pledges of systematic giving. The direct object of these gifts is to help the Young Men's Christian Association movement in both the state and national organizations, and to inculcate the spirit of giving and thus keep abreast of the spirit of this Collegiate movement which is leading the larger universities to give immense sums of money to Christian service and send some of their strongest men into Y. M. C. A. work in foreign countries and give them financial backing. This is a college affair. We ask all to consider it. The work will be in charge of the missionary committee, although the funds for this year will be used in Y. M. C. A. work.

Among the Colleges.

On account of ducking a medical student, five students of the University of Toronto were suspended. All the other students of that department met and declared they would attend no lectures until the pupils were re-instated. The solution of the problem had not been revealed at latest report.

The football ranking of eastern colleges made by a New York paper is as follows: First, Pennsylvania and Yale; then come Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, Swarthmore, Brown, Amherst, Lafayette, Wesleyan, Colgate, Annapolis, Columbia, Williams, West Point and Cornell.

In the death of Dr. William R. Harper, president of Chicago University, the country loses one of its greatest educators and probably its greatest college president. His demise is a heavy blow to Chicago University as Dr. Harper has single handed built up that institution, until it is one of the greatest in the world.

Coach Reid, of Harvard, in recommending changes in football, says: "Although I am willing to admit that the necessary roughness of the game may be objectionable to some people, that appears to me to be much less serious than the brutality and the evasion of the rules—offenses which in many instances the officials cannot detect because they are committed when the players and the ball also are hidden from the eyes of the umpire.

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HUMILIATING AS THE FACT IS the LIFE Board has to confess that it is not in possession of a complete file of the paper. Through some strange oversight no file has been kept with the exception of the years of 1903, 1904 and 1905. The editor is very anxious to communicate with any alumni or undergraduates who can or will help toward the collecting of a complete file of LIFE. Some of the early editors and other members of the staff ought to be able to produce copies. Some one wiser and more careful than the editor must have preserved a file in all the years since the paper was founded. Now we want these papers, first, to place a complete file in the hands of the Board to be continued and placed where it will be accessible, and second, if possible, to place another file in the College Library. If anyone has papers and doesn't feel like giving them back to us, then we will pay a fair price for them. In this matter we ask the cooperation of all. If you have copies of LIFE older than 1903, kindly drop us a line.

THE ARTICLE ON FOOTBALL in the *Record* is a mighty good one and to our mind shows that "Headquarters" has as good an idea of the game as any expert who has sought the public prints. Every man ought to read it, for if the *Record* has no other merit, this one article justifies

its existence. It is a sane discussion of the defects, needs and virtues of the game and has some good suggestions as to the remedies that might prove effective. Taken by and large, we think it the best article that the controversy has so far brought forth.

✓ THE ELECTRIC LIGHTS in the Y. M. C. A. are a great and welcome improvement and the added cleanliness and brilliance of the rooms at night makes the building far pleasanter. The movement now on foot to get electric street lamps up the Hill, if successful, will give us another much needed modern improvement. The property owners have already subscribed liberally and if the crowds give five dollars each per year, the scheme can be realized. This will give us seven lamps between the foot of Freshman Hill and the Hall of Languages.

THE CHESS CLUB, where is it? The same old question and still unanswered. Early in the year we pictured in our imagination a great revival of "the greatest game in the world," but alas, our costly new table serves now as a work bench for the workmen in the Y. M. C. A., and its ebony and silver is desecrated by a film of plaster and calcimine and its oak surface scored by molten lead. For appearances, if nothing else, we ought to have a chess club, and those interested ought to get busy. The Chess Club ranks with the Press Club—a constant unknown quantity. Of course winter term is a busy time, but with the incentives we have, a club should be a reality and not a marsh light. If the fellows can do naught else they might save the chess table from ruin. Again we call for the formation of a chess club.

THE ADVISORY BOARD has recommended to the Association that the athletic H be either blue or buff, and that the sweaters be any color a man may desire. Well, liberality may be a virtue, but here it seems a vice. If Tom likes red, he can have a red and blue sweater; if Dick favors pink, let him have it; if Harry revels in heliotrope, he can come out in a creation that would do credit to Worth. Such a positive slackness in our rules is ridiculous. The only binding clause is that the H be either blue or buff. Such a by-law means practically the destruction of what is generally considered one of the cast-iron rulings in all colleges. If our requirements for

wearing the H are so strict, why balk at a strict interpretation of the rule for the H itself. Ordinarily it is an honor to wear the College letter and such a privilege should be closely guarded and its limitations carefully defined.

No one can deny that the passing of this rule will kill the blue and buff as our College colors—and do it effectually. If that is our aim why not come out and say that our present colors are not good enough and that we want them changed? Just where the blue and buff will be in evidence if this recommendation is approved we don't know. If our colors are not good enough for a sweater then certainly they are bad on a banner. The football men have decided that blue and buff is not pretty enough for them to wear, some of them refuse to wear the legal football H, the baseball team likes neither the colors nor the size of their H, and now the Advisory Board, on the quest of the beautiful, concludes that it is harmful to extend to a man the option of wearing a combination of colors that does not quite suit his peculiar type of complexion. Where in the world are we at?

If the College colors are not to be changed, let us not displace them where they are most evident and most important. If we want them changed why not say so frankly? The proposition means that the blue and buff is no longer good enough for us or else not suited to our esthetic sense. No glass, nor woolpulling, nor suave explanation can change the real import of the movement. Every man ought to appreciate when voting on the question, that it means either the blue and buff or any old thing as our colors.

Regardless of any other considerations discussed in our last issue, the recommendation ought to be voted down. We are not trying to be dogmatic, but are standing for what seems sensible, just, and right, and for what we believe to be the sound judgment of many who, trammelled by their artistic taste, favor the proposed amendment to the constitution. Never mind *l'Art pour l'Art*, leave that to Fra Elbertus And his Cult. But let's keep the blue and buff.

Syracuse University was called to mourn the death of two of her deans last term. Dean Didama, head of the College of Medicine, died early in the term and his death was followed by the death of Dean McChesney, of the College of Fine Arts, at Thanksgiving.

Hamilton Alumni Reunion.

At the Vanderbilt in Syracuse on Thursday evening, December 28th, fifty-five of the alumni of Hamilton College assembled at a reunion, at which S. D. Arms, '78, was the toastmaster. The speakers were:

George E. Dunham, President M. W. Stryker, William F. Canough, E. L. Stevens, Arthur S. Hoyt, Rev. Alexander Wouters, James Winne, Charles H. Blodgett.

President Stryker and Mr. Dunham dealt with the work and development of the College.

D. T. Theatre Party.

The present members of the D. T. enjoyed their official celebration last Wednesday night. The occasion was a trip to Utica to see Frank Daniels in "Sergeant Brue." To say that it was enjoyable would be putting it mildly. Early in the week the front row was raided and the result was fourteen seats in a bunch. The odd one was for Mr. Watson who donated his services as chaperon. They certainly were acceptable. However, the crowd did not really need a protector for all the members led a "straight and narrow," about six inches wide. Messrs. Mahady and Robinson are reported to be in despair, over a lack of business. The show was good, the girls were pretty (?) and every one had a good time. The only thing to be criticised was the fact that the crowd couldn't get up nerve enough to give its yell. Maybe it doesn't know it. However, there's no crime against yelling and it's always a good plan to let people know you're living. It is expected that other trips will be made during the winter, with a grand finale next term when some poor Freshmen ride the goat and other things.

Basket-Ball Schedule.

- U. F. A., 16. Hamilton, 90.
Waterville, 7. Hamilton, 77.
Jan. 17.—St. Lawrence at Clinton.
24.—Rochester at Rochester.
31.—Rochester at Clinton.
Feb. 2.—Potsdam at Clinton.
5.—Colgate at Hamilton.
12.—Syracuse at Clinton.
23.—Dartmouth at Utica.
26.—Trinity at Hartford.
27.—Wesleyan at Middletown.
28.—Williams at Williamstown.
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College Notes.

—Lewis, ex-'07, has re-entered this term with 1908.

—Three gone from 1909, and one from 1907. No other casualties so far.

—A large contingent from the Hill enjoyed "Sergeant Brue" Wednesday night.

—George Underwood, '06, Yale, spent a couple of days with Ferris the past week.

—We have but to read the *Record* to see where "Prex" stands on the football question.

—Obituary:—Some fifteen cats departed this life on Monday morning last, (per "Bugs").

—Coupe, '08, will not return to College. He has gone to the North Woods for his health.

—Glee and Instrumental Club practice every day until the trip on the first three days of February.

—Truax, '09, was seen this week for the first time with a sweater on. But he had a collar and tie on under it.

—Sicard and Ferris were not invited to be part of "Uncle John's" Gym show. "Davie" says that "Uncle" was barring accidents.

—The first inter-class basket-ball game will be played Saturday afternoon, Feb. 17th, between the Sophomores and Freshmen.

—Bursar Stanton's almost thoughtful indisposition has given us all more time to gather together our shekels for the term's harvest.

—Why not have uniform stickers for the suit cases of the different organizations, instead of the present heterogeneous and unlovely collection?

—The electric lights in the Y. M. C. A. are a great improvement, but have you seen our new chess table since the workmen got through with it?

—"Keck" Holley, '08, has been confined to his room for the last week with an acute attack of appendicitis. An operation may prove necessary.

—There are the usual indications of Christmas in the shape of new pillows, calendars, etc. It is a good plan to admire without asking too many questions.

—The hill has been fast this week and coasting has been good. It is feared that the moonlight has drawn many from the "midnight oil" to enjoy a good slide.

—Syracuse defeated Yale at basket-ball Tuesday night by a score of 19 to 15. This would seem to indicate that Syracuse has an especially strong team this year.

—The basket-ball squad feels strongly the loss of Kelly and Moore. Many colleges do not see fit to lose good athletes. We can do no more than call it hard luck.

—"Uncle" John is working hard for the gym show and has posted the candidates for the pyramids. This is one place where everybody is not scrambling to be at the top of the heap.

—After long and tedious correspondence St. Lawrence University is expected to play here Wednesday night. All the College should be out to see the first important game of the season.

—Somebody believes in striking when the iron is hot, judging from the fact that the term bills reached the upper-classmen on Wednesday with the terse announcement that they were due on Friday.

—The alumni who have visited the Hill recently are: F. M. Calder, '82, "Bob" Wicks, '04, "Bill" Soper, '04, Moody, '02, Ward, '02, Durkee, '03, Baker, '00, Root, '03, Brandt, '04, Minor, '04, and Eysaman, '05.

—The snow on the Hill has of late shown a shiftiness that would make a politician jealous. A protective measure against the drifts between the Cabinet and Commons has been taken in the construction of a crude wind shield.

—The north entrance of Carnegie is in mourning over the loss of Haggerson and Lyon. Owing to "Fat's" nervous condition they have decided to forsake the noise and bustle of the dormitory for the calm and quiet of Dr. Root's residence. "Fat" says he will soon be a "bohner."

—With the usual hurrah and good resolutions the new year has started off and everybody seems content to let 1905 be forgotten and to let the dead past bury its dead. But good resolutions are like fresh eggs: they are hard to keep, and, to press the figure a bit further, seem best enjoyed when soonest broken.

—"How have the mighty fallen." In other words who would have suspected Anibal of "bumping freights". Starting to see "Sergeant Brue" he stopped in the postoffice and watched his car leave. Undismayed he went immediately to the depot and mistaking an O. & W. way freight for the "cannon ball", he climbed aboard and landed in "Ute" in time to see the whole show.

—Electric lights in the Y. M. C. A. building are a great improvement on the oil lamps of previous days. They were turned on for the first time Thursday evening. It will now be possible to use the reading room with much more pleasure. Various other improvements have been made in this building. The ceilings have been recalcimined and the lower apartments entirely renovated.

—"Bill" Purdy's aggregation of harmony producers have been hard at it in the Chapel of late moulding sweet refrain from discord for their trip next month. Although our knowledge on the subject is limited to a few stray chords wafted to our ears by the icy breezes we have no doubt that the mandolin club will turn out the popular airs in great shape when the proper time comes.

—The underclassmen are getting quite a bit of enjoyment out of the new subjects on their program. The scientific Sophomores announce themselves as experts in the anatomy of the feline tribe, but have not yet discovered just how many lives this melodious animal is blest with. The Freshman anatomy comes a bit nearer home in the shape of hygiene. One member of the class has made a brilliant discovery in his Biblical research along the lines of ancient geography, having announced the fact that one branch of Noah's descendants were Ethiopians, because their father was smoked Ham.

—Of course, Cady Allen had nothing against the hat, when he dropped his hymn book into its crown; it was another case of the psychological moment, and something was bound to happen when an irresistible force met an immovable body.

—The Freshman class has decided upon the conditions for awarding class numerals. A man will be entitled to wear them who wins five points in a dual meet, three points in an interclass meet, or who is a regular member of any varsity team. The basket-ball team has elected Wilson, captain, and is rounding out in good shape. Two or three games outside of the interclass schedule have already been arranged.

—The Sophomores are sadly pondering the proposition, "When is a Bible lesson?" They couldn't convince "Prex" that he had not assigned one for the first recitation of the term, and the first division went like lambs to the slaughter. After due time to "bohn" out the disputed assignment they were again entertained at four o'clock; meanwhile the other divisions of the class ran to shelter, and went prepared for the worst.

—It's funny what a difference a few weeks make! Some people are grumbling about paying up bets to the wise ones who risked their lucre on the affirmative side of the proposition that the said grumblers would pass their examinations. Before the exam. they would have paid the bet and set up the class to boot to have been assured a successful passage through the stormy seas of "Prexie's" Bible or other equally entertaining and joy-producing subjects.

—The carpenter's skill and the electrician's art are working all sorts of improvements about the Campus. Every body on the Hill made a tour of investigation to Silliman Hall on Wednesday to take a look at the new electric lights in the reading room. It occasioned quite a bit of surprise to find that one could really read in the reading room. The library too has been made more habitable by the curtaining off of the second floor and cornering what few heat waves there are on the ground floor.

The Faculty's Vacation.

Prof. Shepard attended the meeting of the Modern Language Association at Philadelphia. Professors Wood, Davenport and Nichols sojourned in New York.

Prof. Davenport helped in the organization of the American Theological Association at Washington, by which organization he was elected to the executive committee.

Dr. Stryker and Prof. Fitch met with the Associated Principals of New York State at Syracuse and attended the alumni dinner there.

Dr. Brandt represented the College at the Western Alumni Association dinner in Chicago. Professors Fitch and Ebeling attended the meeting of the American Philological Association at Ithaca.

Illinois has been playing baseball this fall in order to have their men in training for next spring. All but two of their last year's team are again on the diamond.

A "Married Men's Club" was formed in self defense at the University of Mich-

igan. The purpose of the club is the securing of social privileges for the members. The progress of the organization will be watched with interest.

The week of December 25 was one of especial interest to the football world. On account of the great feeling which has sprung up against football during the past season, Chancellor McCracken, of New York University, invited representatives from sixty colleges, representing nearly every section of the country, to draw up some sort of an agreement, the most important feature of which would be to have a more open game, the elimination of rough and brutal playing, making the rules definite and precise, and the organization of a permanent body of officials. While nothing may come of this gathering directly, at least a start has been made to reform football which has come to be a necessity.

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